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FIRST PHASE INTERVIEWS

REFS: A. BANGKOK 18985; B. KUALA LUMPUR 5789

1. CODEP (COEXM). BARNES, CUSHING AND DIDIR EYEBALLED REFUGEE SITUATION IN THAILAND, MALAYSIA, AND SINGAPORE (SEPT. 2-8). UNHCR REP BERTA IN BANGKOK REPORTS THAT AFTER U.S. ACCEPTS 500 UNDER NEW PROGRAM AND NEW ZEALAND ACCEPTS FROM THAILAND APPROXIMATELY 160 BOAT CASE REFUGEES, 1440 PERSONS WILL REMAIN IN THE LAEM SING AND SONGKHLA CAMPS. BARNES ADVISES THAT 300 PERSONS REMAINING IN THE CAMPS HAVE SOME TIES WITH THE U.S.

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2. REF B INDICATES THAT 1,000 REFUGEES LOCATED IN CAMPS IN MALAYSIA, BRUNEI AND EAST MALAYSIA HAVE U.S. TIES AND WOULD BE READY FOR INS SCREENING OCTOBER 3, 1977. REF OPS UNIT IN KUALA LUMPUR NOW ADVISES 1,000 CASES WILL BE READY FOR INS SCREENING O/B SEPTEMBER 23, 1977.

3. DIDIR PROPOSES THAT COEXM SELECT AND DETAIL TWO INS OFFICERS FROM CONUS. OFFICERS SHOULD ARRIVE IN HKC O/A SEPTEMBER 18, 1977 FOR BRIEFING BY DIDIR SEPTEMBER 19, 1977. ONE TDY OFFICER WOULD BE DISPATCHED ON SEPT. 21 TO THAILAND FOR 5-6 DAYS TO INTERVIEW 300 REFUGEES (PARA 1). THE SECOND TDY OFFICER WOULD BE DISPATCHED ON THE SAME DATE TO SINGAPORE FOR 2 DAYS OF INTERVIEWS IN THAT COUNTRY. AFTER COMPLETING SINGAPORE DETAIL, TDY OFFICER WOULD BE MET BY MALAYSIA JOINT VOLAG REP BEERY AND HIS STAFF AND WOULD PROCEED UP EAST COAST OF MALAYSIA TO INTERVIEW REFUGEES LOCATED IN 8 CAMPS. TDY OFFICER IN THAQGAND SHOULD COMPLETE INTERVIEWS O/B SEPT. 28 AND WOULD PROCEED TO KUALA LUMPUR SEPT. 29 TO JOIN SECOND TDY OFFICER ON EAST COAST OR TRAVEL TO EAST MALAYSIA WITH VOLAG REP IF SO DIRECTED BY DCM, AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR. WE ESTIMATE THAT FIRST PHASE INTERVIEWS IN MALAYSIA, BRUNEI AND EAST MALAYSIA SHOULD BE COMPLETED O/A OCT. 15.

4. BOTH TDY OFFICERS WOULD DEPART KUALA LUMPUR OCT. 16 TO INTERVIEW REFUGEES IN INDONESIA (JAKARTA AND TANJUNG PINANG). DETAIL IN INDONESIA SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN 5-6 DAYS.

5. BARNES ADVISES THAT BANGKOK SHOULD BE READY TO RECEIVE BOTH TDY OFFICERS TO INTERVIEW CAT I AND II INLAND VIETNAMESE AND KHMER CAMP CASES O/A OCT. 23. OFFICERS WOULD PROCEED TO BANGKOK (VIA TANJUNG PINANG AND SINGAPORE) O/A OCT. 23 TO BEGIN INTERVIEW OF CAT I AND II INLAND VIETNAMESE UNCLASSIFIED

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AND KHMER CAMP CASES. BARNES ESTIMATES OFFICERS CAN COMPLETE INTERVIEWS WITHIN 9 DAYS. AFTER INLAND CAMP INTERVIEWS COMPLETED, SECOND PHASE INTERVIEWS OF BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN THAILAND WOULD COMMENCE. ESTIMATE 6-7 DAYS FOR THAI SECOND PHASE INTERVIEWS.

6. TDY OFFICERS WOULD THEN PROCEED TO MALAYSIA O/A NOV. 9 TO COMMENCE SECOND PHASE BOAT INTERVIEWS. ESTIMATE 12-13 DAYS REQUIRED FOR DETAIL.

7. CUSHING, BARNES AND DIDIR RECOMMEND THAT ALL RPT ALL BOAT CASE REFUGEES LOCATED IN EAST MALAYSIA, BRUNEI, SINGAPORE, AND INDONESIA BE INTERVIEWED DURING FIRST PHASE WHETHER THEY HAVE TIES TO U.S. OR NOT. TIME, MONEY AND MANPOWER COULD BE CONSERVED BY SINGLE VISIT TO THESE AREAS.

8. CUSHING, BARNES AND DIDIR PROCEEDING TO JAKARTA SEPT. 8 AND EXPECT TO RETURN TO BANGKOK ON SEPT. 11. IF REF OPS UNIT IN BANGKOK RECEIVE FORMS I-94 BY THEN, DIDIR WILL REVIEW CE FILES AND INITIAL/ENDORSE AGP CATEGORY ON PAROLE DOCUMENTS BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG SEPT. 15. THE CONOFF, IN THIS INSTANCE, WILL EXECUTE JURAT ON FORMS G-646 AND 648 AND G-651,

WHERE APPROPRIATE, AT TIME REFUGEE BROUGHT TO BANGKOK TRANSIT CENTER BY UNHCR.

9. TDY INS OFFICERS FROM CONUS SHOULD OBTAIN \$500 TO COVER INTRA-COUNTRY TRAVEL (MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA) IN ADDITION TO TRAVEL ADVANCES FOR PER DIEM. VISA REQUIRED FOR INDONESIA ONLY. INNOCULATIONS SHOULD BE UPDATED.

10. IF PROPOSALS ACCEPTABLE, BEDAC NAMES AND ETA OF TWO TDY OFFICERS. HOLDRIDGE

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